

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please replace the cross-reference paragraph on page 1 of the specification (this paragraph was added by way of an Amendment filed on December 14, 2001) with the following:*

### **CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

The present application is a National Stage Application of International Application No. PCT/EP00/02250, filed March 14, 2000. Further, the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of German Patent Application No. 199 11 395.5 filed on ~~March 14~~ March 15, 1999.

REMARKS

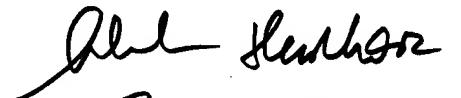
This Amendment is being filed subsequent to the mailing of a Notice of Allowability and Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the issue fee. The Amendment is simply made to correct a minor typographical error in the filing date given for the priority document.

Approval and entry of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

While this Amendment is not believed to require a fee, please charge any additional fees necessary for consideration of the papers filed herein and refund excess payments to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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